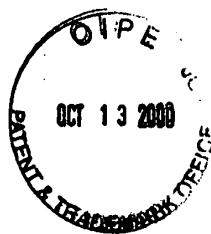


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In response to the Examiner's Action dated Sept. 11, 2000, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 2, 4-8, 13-16, 18-21 and 26-27, with traverse.